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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace Paragraph [0012] (the paragraph spanning pages 3 and 4), with the following rewritten paragraph:

The job management within the range defined by the International Standard, however, may cause insufficient utility in printing practice. IN Proof printing is sometimes demanded prior to main printing of multiple copies, for example, in order to check the layout or other details of a document or check the printing density or other settings in a printer. Proof printing is conventionally carried out by outputting a print job with specification of only one copy. Namely another print job, which is different from the print job for main printing, is used for proof printing. It is accordingly required to transmits transmit a new print job with specification of a desired number of copies for main printing. This results in poor utility. In order to adjust the settings in the printer, for example, the printing density, the print job for proof printing should be transmitted many times. This also results in poor utility.

Please replace Paragraph [0056] (the last full paragraph on page 15), with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the processed print job has the proof attribute, on he the other hand, the status of the print job is shifted to 'proofComplete' at step S13. The shift is implemented by updating the status information. As illustrated in Fig. 5, the status of the print job with the index J is updated to 'proofComplete' as a result of this process.